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*Gladiolus Varieties by*

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Gladiolus Hybridizer

1949

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## *Foreword*

For 1949 I am pleased to submit this list of my own gladiolus varieties—all are my own originations. Since 1944 I have introduced six varieties—four in 1944, one in 1945 and one in 1946. This year I am proud to add a seventh — WILMA DITTMAN, named in honor of my very good friend. This variety, I consider one of the very best I have ever grown in my gardens. Be sure to grow this new one in your 1949 plantings.

The varieties have all been selected because of their real merits—beauty and excellent growing habits. Any of them will give you genuine pleasure in your garden and win ribbons for you on the show table.

You may purchase any of my originations from Snyder Glad Acres, Lenox, Michigan.

Wholesale prices on any of my introductions on request.

In 1948, one of my seedlings won several awards but especially the Grand Championship of our Southeastern Michigan Society's Show (Detroit). I expect to introduce this one in 1950. Watch for it in the 1949 shows.

Thank you,

ANDREW C. MAIER.

*Co-introducing*  
**Wilma Dittman**

(MAIER-SNYDER)

*Madeline Brown x Big Ruffled Cream Seedling*

Clear Buff, practically a self, save for faint scarlet lines in the throat. Petals of heavy texture and nicely frilled. 66-70 inches tall, 19-20 buds and blooms, 7-8 open, 6" in diameter. Placement perfect, stem strong and always straight. Bulblet production and germination excellent. Genuine show flower and florists variety. Foliage robust, erect, tall and deep green.

5-spike Seedling Champion at Binghamton, 1948; First Class Certificate and American Home Achievement winner at S. E. M. G. S. Show, 1948.

Prices: Any size bulb \$3.00. One bulb and 10 blts. \$5.00 (No blts. sold separately.) (No discount).

**"The Detroit News"**

— 1946 —

*Maid of Orleans x Moorish King*

Description—Light Lavender Rose overlaid with Rose Purple stripes radiating from a small throat blotch of the same color. Long flower head with up to 21 buds with 6 to 8 open at one time. Blooms 4½ to 4¾ inches, plain petals of excellent texture. Blooms in 80 to 85 days.

Growing Habits—Tall grower with strong, straight, very long stems which never crook. Foliage upright and very healthy. Bulbs disease resistant.

Prices: L, 75c—10 for \$6.00; Med., 50c—10 for \$4.00; S, 40c—10 for \$3.20; bulblets, 10 for 45c—100 for \$3.50; pt. \$40.00; qt. \$75.00.



## Madeline Brown

— 1945 —

*Emile Aubrun x Tip Top*

Description — Beautifully Ruffled Deep Salmon, somewhat lighter in throat with a faint Scarlet blotch. Very long flowerhead with up to 20 buds of which 8 will open at one time. Blooms  $5\frac{1}{4}$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches and of excellent texture. Blooms in 85 to 90 days. This variety is similar to Picardy but is a great improvement on it.

A direct seedling, not a sport nor special strain.

Growing Habits—Very tall grower with long, heavy stems that never crook. Foliage deep green and healthy. Robust in its habits.

Prices: L, 25c—10 for \$2.00; Med., 20c—10 for \$1.60; S, 2 for 30c—10 for \$1.20; bulblets, 25 for 25c—100 for 80c; qt., \$35.00; pt., \$20.00.

## Elizabeth Maier

The Yellow of Yellows

— 1944 —

*Rosamond x Rose Marie Pfitzer*

Since its introduction in 1944 Elizabeth Maier has a host of winnings to its credit in shows the country over. To enumerate these many honors would make a very lengthy list.

Description — Picric Yellow, somewhat lighter toward the throat with no markings. Very long flowerhead with up to 24 buds of which 10 to 12 open at one time. Petals of excellent texture and frilled at the edges. Blooms  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Blooms in 75 to 80 days.

Growing Habits—Very tall grower with stiff, straight, long stems which never crook. Leaves long, upright and always healthy. It is a delight just to see this variety growing in the field or garden.

Prices: L, \$1.00—10 for \$8.00; Med., 75c—10 for \$6.00; S, 40c—10 for \$3.20; bulblets, 2 for 25c—10 for \$1.00.

# Veronica Pfeiffer

— 1944 —

*Picardy x Miss New Zealand*

Winner of American Home Achievement Medal at the 1943 Show of the Southeastern Michigan Gladiolus Society (Detroit).

Description—Large Decorative Cream overlaid Light Pink, lower petals blotched Wine with a wide Cream edge. Petals are some ruffled and of excellent texture. Placement always very good. Very long flowerhead with as many as 20 buds and with 6 to 7 open. Blooms 6½ inches. Blooms in 80 to 85 days.

Growing Habits—Tall grower with medium heavy stems that are very strong and always straight. Foliage very broad, dark green and healthy.

Prices: L, 50c—10 for \$4.00; Med., 35c—10 for \$2.80; S, 2 for 35c—10 for \$1.40; bulblets, 10 for 40c—100 for \$3.00; ½ pt., \$24.00.

# Birmingham Beauty

*Rose Marie Pfitzer x Wasaga*

Description—Heavily Ruffled Geranium Pink with a slight Cream tint on the lower petals. 16 to 18 buds with 6 to 8 open. 5-inch blooms. Unusually heavy texture. Blooms in 75 to 80 days.

Growing Habits—Medium tall grower with very strong stems. This variety is very robust in its growing and especially healthy.

Prices: L, 25c—10 for \$2.00; Med., 20c—10 for \$1.60; S, 2 for 30c—10 for \$1.20; bulblets, 25 for 25c—100 for 80c.



# Wolverine State

— 1944 —

*Picardy x Heritage*

Description—Deep Salmon with conspicuous Scarlet blotches on the lower petals. Very long flowerhead with 22 to 24 buds, opening up to 12 at once. Blooms 4½ to 4¾ inches. Petal edges slightly ruffled; very good texture. Blooms in 100 to 105 days.

Growing Habits—Tall grower with an always strong, straight stem (have never seen a crook). Placement always dependable. This one can be bloomed late and will stand more frost than any other variety I have ever grown.

Prices: L, 15c—10 for \$1.20; Med., 2 for 20c—10 for \$1.60; bulblets, qt., \$18.00.

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### SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN GLADIOLUS SOCIETY

Privilege of using the Society's Gladiolus Library for any information desired about gladiolus. This library is housed at The Garden Center, Belle Isle. (See list in this Bulletin.)

Privilege of attending and participating in all the Society's meetings (November, January, February, March, April, May).

Annual Gladiolus Judges School. (Both Showroom and Field Judging.)

Members are informed on new and improved methods of pest control, culture, etc.

Members are kept informed on the new and outstanding varieties of gladiolus.

This Society issues Awards of Merit for worthy seedlings.

Special membership in the New England Gladiolus Society and receiving their annual, the Gladiolus Magazine and official classification of gladiolus varieties.

Special membership in the North American Gladiolus Council and receiving their excellent bulletins and official classification of gladiolus varieties.

Free advice at any time on any gladiolus growing problems. We have some experts at your command.

Any flower lover is eligible for active membership in this Society. You need this Society and this Society needs you.

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